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1. SECSTATE'S TRIP

EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE VANCE TRIP CONTINUES THO FEWER
ARTICLES FRONT-PAGED. NYT/WP/NYDN CARRY UPI PIX VANCE/
TENG HSAIO-PING CONFERRING IN GREAT HALL; SUN HAS UPI PIX
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MRS VANCE AT GREAT WALL. CSM FRONT-PAGES TENG PIX.

REUTER, PHINQ; AP, NYDN; UPI JOC, GLOBE REPORT VANCE/TENG
HSAIO-PING TALKS OF 8/24 FOCUSED ON NORMALIZATION. BOTH
SIDES INDICATED TALKS USEFUL/HELPFUL THO NO SUBSTANTIVE
PROGRESS YET MADE. US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ALSO RAISED IN
SESSION. IN PM BANQUET TOAST, VANCE TERMED VISIT "IMPORTANT
STEP TOWARD PROGRESS" IN NORMALIZATION; REITERATED ADMIN'S
COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL RELATIONS, PRINCIPLES
OF SHANGHI COMMUNIQUE. TENG ALSO DESCRIBED TALKS AS "OF

GREAT USE," NOTING THAT US/PRC SHOULD MOVE TOWARD NORMALIZATION/THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BENEFIT BOTH AS WELL AS WORLD. VANCE ALSO CONFERRED 8/24 W/HUANG HUA; DISCUSSING TRADE/CULTURAL EXCHANGES. DOS DECLINED COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE THESE TALKS. US OFFICIALS STILL DESCRIBE MISSION AS "EXPLORATORY." ALSO NOTED VANCE EXPECTED 8/25 MEET W/HUA KUO-FENG BUT EXPECTED TO BE ONLY COURTESY CALL. REUTER (PHINQ) REPORT NOTES EA'S HOLBROOKE TO CONFER W/TAIWANESE ON VANCE MISSION 8/26 IN TAIPEI.

MATHEWS (WP) SAYS IN VIEW US'S RELUCTANCE SPLIT W/TAIWAN, VANCE MEETINGS W/TENG/HUA APPEAR INDICATE PRC WILL CONTINUE DEALING WITH US EVEN IF PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION IS SLOW. ALSO NOTES DESPITE GOOD FEELINGS/BANTER AT 8/23 TENG DINNER FOR VANCE, APPEARS AFTER 3 DAYS OF TALKS SIDES HAVE ONLY LAID OUT THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS/MADE NO PROGRESS ON TAIWAN.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REPORTS NO PROGRESS MADE ON FINDING FORMULA TO MEET PRC DEMANDS ON TAIWAN ISSUE. NOTES SPECULATION THAT PRES HOPED VANCE VISIT WOULD FIND SOME FORMULA TO PERMIT NORMALIZATION/ACCEPTABLE GUARANTEES FOR TAIWAN IN PLACE MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY. WHATEVER OUTCOME UNCLASSIFIED

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ON DIPLOMATIC FRONT, ATMOSPHERE AT PM BANQUET RELAXED/JOVIAL. ADDS DOS REPORTED GREAT DEAL BANTER TOOK PLACE THAT DID NOT CARRY FORWARD SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS.

SUN SAYS DURING TENG'S PM BANQUET ADDRESS, REMARKS ON SELF-RELIANCE MAO FOLLOWERS DURING LONG MARCH INTERPRETED BY US OFFICIALS AS SUBTLE MESSAGE THAT PRC SELF SUFFICIENT/WILL REMAIN SO, BUT RELATIONS W/PRC CAN BE USEFUL TO US IF US DOES PART BY SPLITTING W/TAIWAN. MORITZ (CSM) STATES ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TALKS DURING VANCE VISIT "USEFUL/SERIOUS," PRC REFRAINED FROM ADOPTING VANCE'S EVALUATION OF SESSIONS AS "FRANK/THOROUGH." VANCE PARTY DEPICTED AS EAGER TO CONVINCING PRC THAT PRES SINCERE IN DESIRE NORMALIZE BUT POLITICAL PROBLEMS/PUBLIC OPINION/CONGRESS LIMIT HIS ACTIONS AT THIS TIME. MTG BETW TENG/VANCE SAID TO SYMBOLIZE TENG'S CONTINUED POL IMPORTANCE.

KEATLEY (WSJ) NOTES WHAT WILL COME OUT OF VANCE MISSION STILL UNKNOWN THO MORE HINTS EXPECTED 8/25 AT FAREWELL BANQUET. WP, CSM BRIEFLY MENTION HOLBROOKE'S UPCOMING TAIPEI BRIEFING. GLOBE CARRIES UPI ANNOUNCEMENT UPCOMING VANCE/HUA MEETING.

WP (MATHEWS)/NYT CARRY DESCRIPTIVE PIECES TENG'S DEMEANOR DURING PM BANQUET, TERMING HIM CONFIDENT/RELAXED IN TALKS W/VANCE/REPORTERS.

REUTER (MOSCOW)/AP SUN, NYT REPORT USSR ACCUSED PRC ATTEMPT TO PIT US AGAINST USSR/SABOTAGE WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. SAID US/PRC RAPPROACHMENT THREAT TO WORLD PEACE.

2. JAPAN

JOC REPORTS BANK OF JAPAN SOON MAY SLASH OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE BY ANOTHER 0.5 TO 1 PCT FOR 3RD TIME THIS YR IN ATTEMPT STIMULATE PVT PLANT/EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT. PRE-UNCLASSIFIED

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VIOUS RATE REDUCTIONS AIMED AT SAME PURPOSE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

FUKUDA'S LONG-PROMISED MASSIVE PKG REFLATIONARY MEASURES--ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR AUG BUT DELAYED UNDER STIFF OPPOSITION--NOW EXPECTED IN EARLY SEPT (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

AMERICAN LEGION PASSED RESOLUTION AT NATL CONVENTION IN DENVER 8/24 ASKING THAT SALE JAPANESE-MADE SOUVENIRS BE BANNED AT PEARL HARBOR. LEGION CRITICIZED "COMPLETE DISCONCERN FOR MORALITY" BY JAPANESE MFRS (AP, WP).

TRANSPORT MIN OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY GIVEN UP HOPE OF OPENING NARITA INTL AIRPORT THIS YR, NOW EXPECT OPENING 3/78. GOV OF PROV WHERE AIRPORT LOCATED DOESN'T WANT OPN BEGIN UNTIL NETWORK HWYS TO IT COMPLETED (WP).

LEADING JAPANESE TANK PRODUCER WILL SHORTLY ESTABLISH JOINT VENTURE IN SAUDI ARABIA TO COPE W/GROWING DEMAND FOR RESERVE TANKS THERE (UPI, CDN 8/23).

ATSUKI CHIBA (WP) DOES ITEM ON ABORTIONS IN JAPAN, TERM-ING IT "ALMOST AS TOUCHY AN ISSUE" THERE AS IN US.

TYPHOON HIT JAPAN 8/24, DELUGING SOUTH JAPAN W/NEARLY 1 FT RAIN IN 10 HRS. THREATENED W/FLOODING FROM RISING CREEKS/RIVERS, HUNDREDS FLED HOMES (UPI, NYT).

3. JAPAN/VIETNAM

JAPAN'S 2 MAJOR AIR LINES WILL START NEGOTS W/SRV SOON FOR CONCLUSION AIR PACT DESIGNED RESUME REGULAR JAPAN-SRV UNCLASSIFIED

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AIR SERVICE. JAL/NIPPON WILL SEND SEPARATE 4-MAN DELS TO HCM CITY LATER THIS MONTH TO WORK OUT DETAILS (UPI JOC, NYT).

4. PHILIPPINES

UNDER ORDER IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER REYS, FILS NOW ABLE LEAVE COUNTRY JUST BY SHOWING VALID PASSPORT--1ST TIME IN 5 YRS TRAVEL HAS BEEN SO EASY. FEW FILS AFFECTED, HOWEVER, SINCE PASSPORT ISSUANCE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED SINCE MARCOS IMPOSED MARTIAL LAW (AP, NYT).

5. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

FRASER LIFTS 4-YR-OLD BAN ON URANIUM MINING/EXPORT; TELLS PARLIAMENT GOA HAS GIVEN IMMEDIATE GO-AHEAD FOR DEVELOPMENT RANGER DEPOSIT IN NORTHERN TERRITORY. IN 8/25 ADDRESS, PM ADDED OTHER URANIUM DEPOSITS IN AREA COULD ALSO BE MINED SOON AS FIRMS INVOLVED SATISFIED GOA ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES/NUKE SAFEGUARDS IN EXPORT CONTRACTS (REUTER CANBERRA).

IN ITEM ON MULDOON'S LATEST BUDGET, CARTHEW (CSM WELLINGTON) HIGHLIGHTS FEW FEATURES NEW BUDGET. NOTES PM HAS CONCEDED THERE IS NO "MAGIC FORMULA" FOR BEATING INFLATION/ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MAJOR PART OF TASK REPAIR NATL ECONOMY STILL AHEAD OF HIM. -

6. KOREA

TONGSUN PARK AT SEOUL SAYS WILL NOT LET US AUTHORITIES QUESTION HIM RE CONGRESSIONAL INFLUENCE-BUYING ALLEGATIONS. STILL DENIES PAID BRIBES/MADE ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (AP, WSTAR 8/24; UPI, NYDN). TONGSUN PARK DENIES WAS ROKG AGENT. TELLS PRESS CONF FEELS "BETRAYED" BY US (NYT SPEC); ACCUSES PRESS/DOJ OF DISTORTING RELS W/ UNCLASSIFIED

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CONGRESSMEN (BABCOCK, WP).

SUZI PARK THOMPSON AGREES TESTIFY BEFORE CLOSED SESSION HOUSE ETHICS CMTE (VOLZ, NYDN). JAWORSKI STATES EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE CONCEAL TRUTH IN ALLEGED SK INFLUENCE-BUYING SCHEME (AP, PHINQ); WARNS HOUSE ETHICS CMTE PROBE WILL NOT GO AWAY UNTIL ALL FACTS IN (SWOBODA, SUN). JAWORSKI SAYS STILL INTENDS QUESTION TONGSUN PARK (THOMAS, NYT).

STUART (CSM) REPORTS TONGSUN PARK CULTIVATED NETWORK IN HOUSE ENCOMPASSING LEADERSHIP BOTH PARTIES/CMTE CHMN/IMPORTANT RANK-AND-FILE. SAYS PARK AIDE LISTS 58 CURRENT REPS W/WHOM PARK HAD BEEN "ASSOCIATING." ADDS LIST 2 YRS OLD; CSM HAS COPY. NOTES 42 ON LIST CONCEDE SOME CONTACT IN RECENT YRS. STUART ANALYZES LIST/MENTIONS GIFTS GIVEN.

7. INDONESIA

NEWMAN (WSJ) DESCRIBES US-STYLE SUBURB BUILT BY INCO ON SULAWESI IN PREPARATION GETTING NICKEL OUT OF MOUNTAINS.

8. CHINA

HUA KUO-FENG SAYS LONG BEFORE DIED, MAO PREDICTED CHIANG CHING/HER RADICAL ASSOCIATES WOULD "CREATE DISTURBANCES" (CDN 8/23).

AP EXECS/DIRECTORS WILL MAKE 2-WK CHINA TRIP STARTING 8/30. VISIT TO INCLUDE PEKING/MONGOLIA/SHANGHAI/CANTON/ADJACENT AREAS (NYT).

PRC INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT ROSE 22.4 PCT IN JULY OVER SAME PERIOD LAST YR, ACCORDING HSINHUA (WP).

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LORD KILLINAN OF INTL OLYMPIC CMTE WILL VISIT PEKING NEXT MO. PRC OFFICIAL SAYS WILL BE TOLD IS ONLY 1 CHINA/TAIWAN IS PART CHINA. KILLINAN GOING TO PEKING TO TRY UNRAVEL DEADLOCK THAT KEEPS PRC OUT OF OLYMPICS (AP, SUN).

9. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

SINCE HEAVY REFUGEE FLOW FROM VIETNAM BEGAN LAST YR, HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY FREQUENT REPORTS VIOLATIONS OF TRADITION THAT ALL SHIPS ENCOUNTERING OTHERS IN DISTRESS COME TO RESCUE. IN JAPANESE/SE ASIA SHIPPING CIRCLES RECOGNIZED THAT VIOLATIONS EVERYDAY OCCURRENCES; SUSPICIONS VOICED SOME FIRMS ORDER CAPTS NOT PICK UP "BOAT PEOPLE." SINCE ALL ASIAN COUNTRIES RELUCTANT GRANT REFUGEES EVEN TEMPORARY SHELTER, CAPTS FREQUENTLY NOT ALLOWED LET REFUGEES OFF AT NEXT PORT OF CALL/LOSE GREAT DEAL TIME/ENDANGER CARGOES. ONE REFUGEE SAID 21 SHIPS PASSED HIS BOAT W/IN 12 HRS (KAMM, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

CHI S-T (8/22) BELIEVES US WOULD TAKE BIG RISKS IF VANCE TRIP ONLY "EXPLORATORY"/DOESN'T CONTINUE JOB REACHING FULL DIPL RELS. OPINES IF THINGS DON'T PROGRESS, PEKING MAY MOVE TOWARD LIMITED DETENTE W/USSR. GIVES ADVANTAGES FULL DIPL RELS W/PRC. NOTES TAIWAN IS HANG-UP, BUT POINTS OUT ARE PROMISING SCHEMES TO SOLVE PROBLEM, INCL SEN KENNEDY'S SUGGESTION. CHI S-T ALSO CARRIES BURCK CARTOON DEPICTING AMERICAN W/BAGS LABELED "VANCE CHINA MISSION" SNARLING OVER SHOULDER TO SEATED FIGURE MARKED TAIWAN, "SCRAM, KID, YOU BOTHER ME."

BEECHER (GLOBE) LOOKS OVER SITUATION, FINDS PRC ASSUMING
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PRAGMATIC ATTITUDE TOWARD US RELS. SEES ESSENCE OF WHAT
VANCE LEARNING IN PEKING THAT RELS W/US DRIVEN BY PRC
FEAR USSR/NEED NARROW TECHNOLOGICAL GAP. ADDS TAIWAN
ISSUE IMPORTANT, BUT APPEARS NOT AS URGENT AS SOME US
CHINA-WATCHERS ARGUE.

TREWHITT (SUN) SEES NEW "CONTRADICTIONS" IN CHINA.
LOOKS OVER PLANNED PRAGMATIC CHANGES BY NEWLY ENTRENCHED/
CONFIDENT LEADERSHIP THAT NOW EXTOLS DIVERSITY BUT STILL
BANS DISSENT. PREDICTS PRC WILL BE LESS HIDEBOUND IN
IDEOLOGICAL PRACTICE, THO INTOLERANT OF CHALLENGE TO
CENTRAL AUTHORITY. ADDS DEVELOPMENT MAY BECOME NEW "GOD,"
REPLACING OLD IDEOLOGICAL CERTAINTIES.

11. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

RTG/CAMBODIA CONTINUE FIGHTING ALONG BORDER NEAR
ARANYAPRATHET W/NO HOPE FOR NEGOTIATIONS SOON. ACCORD-
ING LAT'S MCARTHUR, CAMBODIANS "CLEARLY DOING THE
PUSHING," HAVING MOVED BORDER MARKERS 300-400 YDS INTO
THAILAND/MINED ROAD PARALLELING FRONTIER. RESULT HAS
BEEN STEM OF FLOW CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN AREA/RELOCA-
TION 3,000 EARLIER REFUGEES. RTG PM THANIN SAID HAVE
BEEN 400 CAMBODIAN INCURSIONS IN PAST YR; HIS REQUESTS
FOR NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN IGNORED. SOME OBSERVERS
THINK CAMBODIA'S PREOCCUPATION W/BORDER ARISES FROM
NEED DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM DOMESTIC TROUBLES; OTHERS
FROM CONFLICTS W/IN MIL/POL LEADERSHIP (WP).

IN LETTER TO NYT, PROF GALSTON OF YALE SAYS MAKES GOOD
SENSE FOR US INVEST IN AID NOW FOR SRV THAT MIGHT PAY OFF
IN FUTURE. HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM SCIENTIFIC MISSION
HANOI, WAS IMPRESSED BY INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS OF
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NUTRITION CAUSED BY CROP FAILURES/BAD WEATHER. QUOTES
PHAM VAN DONG SRV WOULD LIKE BE ON GOOD TERM W/US.
GALSTON RECOMMENDS ERA FRIENDSHIP W/FOOD, MEDICINES/
RECONSTRUCTION AID FROM US.

12. PHILIPPINES

NYT NOTES MARCOS OFFERS NEW PROMISE FOR ELECTION. REVIEWS
PAST PERFORMANCE, RECENT HISTORY PHILS. DEPLORES RECENT
DESTRUCTION DEMOCRACY/CIVIL LIBERTIES. STATES US-PHIL
RELATIONSHIP RUNS BOTH WAYS; US NEEDS BASES, AS DO PHILS;
PHILS ALSO HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON US AID/TRADE. BELIEVES

US EFFORTS ON BEHALF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVT/CIVIL LIBERTIES/
HUMAN RTS IN PHILS WOULD NOT BE UTOPIAN GESTURE. CON-
CLUDES US HAS BARGAINING LEVERAGE W/MARCOS, OUGHT USE IT.

13. GENERAL

READER PENNIMAN WRITES NYT TO DECRY LIST KLARE (8/10) GAVE
OF 10 COUNTRIES MOST OFTEN CITED FOR CONSISTENT PATTERNS
INJUSTICE. LIST INCLUDED INTER ALIA INDONESIA/PHILS/SK/
THAILAND. NOTES UGANDA/ALL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES INCL

CAMBODIA EXCLUDED AS "WORST OFFENDERS" DESPITE FREQUENT/
FLAGRANT VIOLATION HUMAN RTS. CHRISTOPHER

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